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MSS 281 TRAVELSTEAD, Chester Coleman, 1911-2006

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Chester Coleman Travelstead was born 25 September 1911 in Franklin, Simpson County, Kentucky, the second son of Conley Chester and Nelle Blye (Gooch) Travelstead. His family was well known in the small town of Franklin. Nelle's father William Junius Gooch was prominent in the state Democrat Party, a former Speaker of the Kentucky House of Representatives, and Secretary of the Kentucky State Fair Commission. However, the young boy's family soon fell from prominence to near poverty. Conley Travelstead left his wife in 1912; Nelle's mother died in 1915; her father died in 1917. At W. J. Gooch's death, Nelle found herself and her children practically penniless after his estate was settled. To support herself and her sons Nelle took a position at Western Kentucky State Normal School in nearby Bowling Green.

Chester attended the campus training school through the eighth grade, subsequently graduating from Bowling Green High School in 1928. He spent a post-graduate year at Kentucky Military Institute in Lyndon, Jefferson County, Kentucky, completing his studies in 1929. He received his A.B. degree from Western Kentucky State Teachers College (formerly Western Kentucky State Normal School) in 1933, majoring in French with minors in English and Music. Prior to his enlistment in the U.S. Navy 1943, he served as a public school teacher in Mecklenburg County, Virginia and Lexington, Kentucky. Chester saw duty in the Pacific Theater as Communications Officer aboard the transport U.S.S. Comet.

After the war Chester received a Master's Degree in Music from Northwestern University in 1947. He completed his PhD. in Education at the University of Kentucky in 1950 and accepted an appointment as Assistant Professor of Education at the University of Georgia in 1951. He remained at the University of Georgia until his appointment as Dean of the College of Education at the University of South Carolina in 1953.

After the 1954 Supreme Court decision *Brown vs. Board of Education*, Travelstead wrote to South Carolina Governor Timmerman urging compliance. He also delivered a speech on campus to summer school students in 1955 entitled "Today's

Decisions for Tomorrow's Schools," citing integration of the races as one of the problems facing public schools. These actions led to his dismissal by the University's Board of Trustees. When Travelstead later found employment as Dean of the College of Education at the University of New Mexico, the school's president said "Dr. Travelstead's stand on segregation was more of a recommendation than an indictment."

In addition to his position as Dean, Travelstead served the University of New Mexico as Academic Vice-President (1968-1976) and the institution's first Provost (1976-1977), retiring in 1977 as Provost Emeritus. During his distinguished academic career he authored numerous articles for professional journals and served as chairman of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. While at the University of New Mexico he was a proponent of College of Education entrance exams and he was Dean when the College offered its first accredited doctoral programs.

After his retirement he chaired the University of New Mexico presidential search committee and taught an honors seminar in the College of Education. He continued writing, speaking, and traveling while finding time to correspond with New Mexico politicians and the editors of local newspapers.

He was awarded honorary degrees from Morehead State University (1975), Morehead, Kentucky, University of Moron (1975), Moron, Argentina, John F. Kennedy University (1975) Buenos Aires, Argentina, and the University of New Mexico (1980). He was given the Hall of Fame Award by the University of Kentucky's College of Education in 1998, and in 2004 the University of New Mexico College of Education administration building was officially named Travelstead Hall. In 2006 a seminar room in the University of South Carolina's Museum of Education was named for Travelstead to commemorate his "uncommon courage in uncommon times."

Travelstead, a musician, was a lifelong supporter of the arts. He was involved in numerous theatrical performances throughout his lifetime, at one point moving to New York City as a young man hoping to become a professional actor. He served several terms on the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra. He was also a member of the Albuquerque Kiwanis Club and a Sunday School teacher at the Monte Vista Christian Church.

Travelstead married Marita Evelyn Hawley on 1 August 1936. They had met as students at Western Kentucky State Teachers College and Marita taught school for two years in her native Michigan before her marriage. The couple had two sons, Chester Coleman born in 1942 and Jimmie Hawley born in 1943. Throughout their 63 year marriage, Marita hosted many university functions for her husband and for faculty wives' groups. She volunteered in her local church and hospital as well as with organizations such as the League of Women Voters and Meals on Wheels. Marita died in 1999 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. Chester continued his active life for seven more years, traveling, writing, and corresponding with family and friends.

Chester Travelstead perhaps owed his long and productive life to his mother Nelle Gooch. After her move to Bowling Green, and after positions in Western's library and Physical Education department, Nelle was asked to join the school's Music Department teaching classes in public school music. Thus began an academic career that would last over 40 years. Even as a faculty member with many responsibilities, Nelle's salary was small. She worked hard to keep her family together, sometimes acting as "housemother" for students who boarded with her. Her sons from an early

age were expected to contribute to the family funds. She demanded excellence and hard work from them as well as her students. She demonstrated her own hard work and commitment when she received a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University in 1938 at age 50. She was tireless in her devotion to her sons, her university, and her community. She was the driving force behind the establishment of a servicemen's canteen in Bowling Green during World War II. She was also involved in many programs, both civic and religious, to benefit the underprivileged. Nelle retired from Western in 1958 but continued to substitute teach in the Warren County, Kentucky, public schools. She was inducted into the Western Kentucky University Music Department Wall of Fame in 1998. Nelle died 19 June 1974 at her beloved home "Travelogs" where she was still living alone and independently at age 86.

Chester Coleman Travelstead died 27 December 2006 and is buried in Franklin, Kentucky's Greenlawn Cemetery with his wife, mother, brother, and other family members.

COLLECTION NOTE

The bulk of this collection consists of the personal and professional papers of educator Chester Coleman Travelstead: correspondence, speeches, journal articles, reminiscences, and news clippings. Box 1 contains biographical information related to Travelstead and other family members as well as background information about the collection. Box 2 contains his letters to his wife Marita Travelstead and his mother Nelle Gooch Travelstead, chiefly during the period of World War II. This box also contains other items related to his wartime service. In addition to general correspondence and clippings from the postwar period, Box 3 houses the correspondence, clippings, and other material related to Travelstead's dismissal from the University of South Carolina in 1955. The material in Box 4 continues with material related to his academic career at the University of New Mexico.

Boxes 5 and 6 contain Travelstead's reminiscences entitled "I Was There." His "Selected Speeches" are found in Box 7, with an inventory of the speeches in the first folder. Box 8 contains additional speeches as well as other professional articles and reviews.

Box 9 contains letters to Nelle Gooch Travelstead and other family correspondence. His letters in Folder 7 and 8 as well as those in Box 10 Folders 4 and 5 reveal Marita's struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Other family correspondence continues in Box 10 along with general correspondence. Box 11 contains more of Travelstead's correspondence as well as information about his cultural, civic, and religious involvement, also travel diaries and legal items. Of note is Folder 14 which contains information related to the legacy of Travelstead's role in South Carolina's segregation crisis.

Boxes 12 and 13 contain the letters of Nelle Gooch Travelstead from 1892 to 1974, chiefly to Chester and his wife Marita. Seven folders in Box 13 are typescripts of Nelle Gooch's letters that Chester Travelstead edited and annotated. The original letters from which many of these excerpts were taken are not found in this collection. Box 13 and 14 contain five diaries kept by Nelle Gooch from 1935 to 1965. She writes

of her family, her teaching, her work at home, her many activities, and the weather. Her diaries also contain notes for club programs and Sunday School lessons. In her “little black book” she copied proverbs, quotations, etc. that reflected her philosophy of life.

Boxes 15 and 16 contain the letters of Marita Travelstead to Chester and Nelle Gooch, 1935 to 1968. Those in the first folder were written before her marriage. Most of the letters in Folders 2 and 3 were written to Chester while he was serving during World War II and she and the young boys were staying with parents in Michigan. These letters reveal her attempts to help her husband, who is thousands of miles away, understand his boys’ interests and developing personalities. Marita’s letters to Nelle are full of all her activities as wife, mother, and willing community volunteer. Box 16 contains typescripts of the letters in Box 15, edited and annotated by Chester. Also in this volume is information concerning Marita’s Alzheimer’s disease and items related to her funeral. The last folder in this box contains a list of oversized material.

Although this collection contains some photographs, the majority of the Travelstead family photos have been transferred to the Kentucky Library. These include photos from scrapbooks kept by Nelle Gooch Travelstead and Marita Travelstead.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	TRAVELSTEAD, Chester Coleman, 1911-2006	1896-2007	262 items
Folder 1	Inventory and separation records		7 items
Folder 2	Background information related to correspondence	1998	2 items
Folder 3	Correspondence related to collection	1999-2004	19 items
Folder 4	Biographical information for Chester Travelstead	1911-2007	33 items
Folder 5	Biographical information for Nelle Gooch Travelstead	1907-1989	75 items
Folder 6	“The Higher Road: the Life of Nelle Gooch Travelstead” by Nancy Richey; related correspondence	2003	4 items
Folder 7	Biographical information for Coleman Travelstead	1958-2005	23 items
Folder 8	Biographical information for Jimmie Travelstead	1945-2002	12 items

Folder 9	Biographical information for Will Gooch Travelstead	1930-1981	17 items
Folder 10	"History of the Campbells of Argyll"	n.d.	1 item
Folder 11	Coleman family information	n.d.	1 item
Folder 12	Gooch family information	1896-1995	14 items
Folder 13	Hawley family information	1905-[1994?]	5 items
Folder 14	Lively family information	1903-[1994?]	3 items
Folder 15	Travelstead family tree	[1994?]	1 item
Folder 16	Miscellaneous items related to Chester Travelstead's family members	1956-1999	35 items
Folder 17	Miscellaneous items related to Nelle Gooch Travelstead's family members	1903-2001	9 items
Folder 18	<i>Official Manual for the Use of the Courts, State and County Officials and General Assembly of the State of Kentucky</i>	1906	1 item
BOX 2	TRAVELSTEAD, Chester Coleman, 1911-2006	1931-1947	540 items
Folder 1	Letters from Chester Travelstead chiefly to Nelle Gooch Travelstead	6 Nov. 1931-12 Oct. 1933	50 items
Folder 2	Letters from Chester Travelstead to Nelle Gooch Travelstead	11 Sept. 1936-7 Dec. 1936	18 items
Folder 3	Letters from Chester Travelstead to Nelle Gooch Travelstead	3 Jan. 1937-14 Dec. 1942	70 items
Folder 4	Letters from Chester Travelstead to Coleman and Jimmie Travelstead	21 June 1943-12 Oct. 1944	8 items
Folder 5	Letters from Chester Travelstead to Marita Travelstead	28 Feb. 1941-31 Dec. 1944	95 items

Folder 6	Letters from Chester Travelstead to Nelle Gooch Travelstead	2 May 1944- 25 Dec. 1944	45 items
Folder 7	Letters from Chester Travelstead to Marita Travelstead	17 Jan. 1945- 31 Oct. 1945	58 items
Folder 8	Letters from Chester Travelstead to Nelle Gooch Travelstead	17 Jan. 1945- 31 Oct. 1945	57 items
Folder 9	Naval Training School, Harvard University, yearbook, photos, news clippings	April 1943- Dec. 1943	13 items
Folder 10	"My Stretch in the Service," a reminiscence by Chester Travelstead of his World War II naval service	30 March 1943- 23 Jan. 1945	2 items
Folder 11	Material related to Chester Travelstead's service on U.S.S. Comet during World War II	1944-1953	38 items
Folder 12	Letters from Chester Travelstead to Nelle Gooch Travelstead	6 Jan. 1946- 26 Nov. 1946	46 items
Folder 13	Letters from Chester Travelstead chiefly to Nelle Gooch Travelstead	3 Jan. 1947- 12 May 1956	40 items
BOX 3	TRAVELSTEAD, Chester Coleman, 1911-2006	1931-1956	439 items
Folder 1	General correspondence of Chester Travelstead, chiefly related to employment	1931-1944	6 items
Folder 2	Correspondence, clippings, photos related to Chester Travelstead as a teacher in Lexington, KY public schools	1937-1947	45 items
Folder 3	Correspondence, clippings, photos related to Chester Travelstead's activities with Central Kentucky Community Concert Series	1949-1951	35 items

Folder 4	Correspondence and news clippings chiefly related to Chester Travelstead's employment	10 July 1950- 3 Nov. 1952	48 items
Folder 5	Correspondence, clippings, photo photo related to Chester Travelstead as Dean, School of Education, University of South Carolina	2 Feb. 1953- August, 1955	86 items
Folder 6	"Gressettee Committee" Report	[June 1955?]	1 item
Folder 7	Background materials related to Chester Travelstead's dismissal from the University of South Carolina	1955; 1994	6 items
Folder 8	Chester Travelstead's correspondence, chiefly related to his dismissal from the University of South Carolina	1955-1956	166 items
Folder 9	News clippings related to Chester Travelstead's dismissal from the University of South Carolina	1955-1956	46 items
Box 4	TRAVELSTEAD, Chester Coleman, 1911-2006	1955-2004	558 items
Folder 1	Chester Travelstead's correspondence as Dean, College of Education, University of New Mexico	1956-1968	53 items
Folder 2	News clippings related to Chester Travelstead as Dean, College of of Education, University of New Mexico	1955-1968	76 items
Folder 3	Chester Travelstead's correspondence as Academic Vice-President, University of New Mexico	1968-1976?	92 items
Folder 4	News clippings related to Chester Travelstead as Academic Vice-President, University of New Mexico	1968-1976	54 items
Folder 5	Chester Travelstead's correspondence correspondence as Provost, University of New Mexico, chiefly related to his retirement and "Chester Travelstead Day"	1976-1977	114 items

Folder 6	News clippings related to Chester Travelstead as Provost, University of New Mexico	1976-1977	24 items
Folder 7	Materials related to presentation of University of New Mexico Alumni Association Rodey Award to Chester Travelstead	June 1977	7 items
Folder 8	Correspondence and other materials related to the University of New Mexico "Chester C. Travelstead Lecture" delivered by Norman Cousins	25 May 1978- 23 April 1979	9 items
Folder 9	Correspondence, clippings related to the Chester C. Travelstead Scholarship and the Travelstead Award, University of New Mexico	1977-2002	7 items
Folder 10	Correspondence, clippings, speech, photos related to honorary degree given to Chester Travelstead by the University of New Mexico	1980	25 items
Folder 11	Items related to the University of New Mexico College of Education time capsule and Chester Travelstead's address	2000	8 items
Folder 12	Items related to the Chester Travelstead endowed chair and faculty fellowships, University of New Mexico	2000-2004	23 items
Folder 13	Items related to naming the University of New Mexico College of Education administration building for Chester Travelstead	2002-2004	39 items
Folder 14	Letter and news clippings related to Chester Travelstead as head of University of New Mexico presidential search committees	1982-1989	7 items

Folder 15	Chiefly news clippings related to Chester Travelstead as Provost emeritus, University of New Mexico	1977-2000	20 items
BOX 5	TRAVELSTEAD, Chester Coleman, 1911-2006	1979-1983	2 items
Folder 1	"I Was There" [vol. 1], parts 1-8, bound	1979-1982	1 item
Folder 2	"I Was There" [vol. 2], parts 9-12, bound	1982-1983	1 item
BOX 6	TRAVELSTEAD, Chester Coleman, 1911-2006	1979-1998	30 items
Folder 1	"I Was There" [vol. 3], parts 13-17, bound	1985-1988	1 item
Folder 2	"I Was There," part 18, unbound	1990	1 item
Folder 3	"I Was There," part 19, unbound	1994	1 item
Folder 4	"I Was There," vol. 1 revision, revision, unbound	1991	1 item
Folder 5	"I Was There," vol. 2 revision, unbound	1996	1 item
Folder 6	"I Was There," vol. 3 revision, unbound	1996	1 item
Folder 7	"I Was There," vol. 4 revision unbound	1996	1 item
Folder 8	Three Christmas stories from "I Was There" volumes	1982	1 item
Folder 9	Correspondence related to publication of "I Was There"	1991-2003	15 items
Folder 10	Duplicate "I Was There" title pages with inscriptions to Jane Morningstar	1979-1981	3 items

Folder 11	"Dedication" a paper written by Tabitha Hall, based on the "I Was There" series	1986; 1998	2 items
Folder 12	"May You Always Remember the Good Times"	1996	2 items
BOX 7	TRAVELSTEAD, Chester Coleman, 1911-2006	1955-1986	6 items
Folder 1	"Selected Speeches" inventory		1 item
Folder 2	"Selected Speeches" vol. 1	1955-1958	1 item; p. 1-112
Folder 3	"Selected Speeches" vol. 1		1 item; p. 113-213
Folder 4	"Selected Speeches" vol. 2	1959-1964	1 item: p. 1-110
Folder 5	"Selected Speeches" vol. 2		1 item; p. 111-219
Folder 6	"Selected Speeches" vol. 3	1965-1968	1 item; p. 1-104
Folder 7	"Selected Speeches" vol 3		1 item; p. 105-204
Folder 8	"Selected Speeches" vol. 3		1 item; p. 205-225
Folder 9	"Selected Speeches" vol. 4	1969-1976	1 item; p. 1-96
Folder 10	"Selected Speeches" vol. 4		1 item; p. 97-157
Folder 11	"Selected Speeches" vol. 5	1977-1986	1 item; p. 1-98
Folder 12	"Selected Speeches" vol. 5		1 item; p. 99-135

BOX 8	TRAVELSTEAD, Chester Coleman, 1911-2006	1947-2004	117 items
Folder 1	Miscellaneous articles, presentations, reviews by Chester Travelstead	1947-1987	16 items
Folder 2	"Southern Attitudes Toward Racial Integration," chapter by Chester Travelstead in the book <i>Countdown on Segregated Education</i>	1960	1 item
Folder 3	"Jim Crow and I"	1961	1 item
Folder 4	"Freedom is an Unfinished Business;" related news clippings	1963	6 items
Folder 5	"A Poem in Perspective;" related news clippings	1969	22 items
Folder 6	Speech and other data related to honorary degree given to Chester Travelstead by John F. Kennedy University, Buenos Aires	1974-1975	9 items
Folder 7	"Spirit of a Great University;" related correspondence	1976-1977	16 items
Folder 8	"What's Next," University of New Mexico College of Education	2004	3 items
Folder 9	Programs from Chester Travelstead's speeches and lectures	1954-1992	43 items
BOX 9	TRAVELSTEAD, Chester Coleman, 1911-2006	1964-1996	437 items
Folder 1	Letters from Chester Travelstead to Nelle Gooch Travelstead	15 Jan. 1964-27 Dec. 1964	60 items
Folder 2	Letters from Chester Travelstead to Nelle Gooch Travelstead	3 Jan. 1965-6 Dec. 1965	65 items
Folder 3	Letters from Chester Travelstead to Nelle Gooch Travelstead	19 Jan. 1966-30 Dec. 1966	66 items

Folder 4	Letters from Chester Travelstead to Nelle Gooch Travelstead	7 Jan. 1967- 10 Dec. 1967	67 items
Folder 5	Letters from Chester Travelstead to Nelle Gooch Travelstead	18 Feb. 1968- 27 Nov. 1971	47 items
Folder 6	Chester Travelstead's correspondence with family members	28 July 1953- 15 Jan. 1988	56 items
Folder 7	Chester Travelstead's correspondence with family members	1990-1994	40 items
Folder 8	Chester Travelstead's correspondence with family members	8 Jan. 1995- 27 Dec. 1996	36 items
BOX 10	TRAVELSTEAD, Chester Coleman, 1911-2006	1941-2004	367 items
Folder 1	Chester Travelstead's correspondence with family members	12 Jan. 1997- 31 Dec. 1999	69 items
Folder 2	Chester Travelstead's correspondence with family members	2000-2004	65 items
Folder 3	Father's Day cards sent to Chester Travelstead	1974-1994	12 items
Folder 4	General correspondence of Chester and Marita Travelstead	1941-1995	78 items
Folder 5	General correspondence of Chester and Marita Travelstead	1996-1999	73 items
Folder 6	General correspondence Chester Travelstead	2000-2003	70 items
BOX 11	TRAVELSTEAD, Chester Coleman, 1911-2006	1933-2006	332 items
Folder 1	Chester Travelstead's correspondence with politicians	1941-1999	36 items

Folder 2	Chester Travelstead's correspondence with Adron and Mignon Doran, includes clippings and photos	1954-2000	42 items
Folder 3	Letters to the editor and other articles articles written for New Mexico newspapers by Chester Travelstead	1959-2003	86 items
Folder 4	Items related to Chester Travelstead's involvement with New Mexico Symphony Orchestra	1963-1994	18 items
Folder 5	Letters to Chester Travelstead related to 20 th & 25 th anniversaries of Central Kentucky Youth Orchestra	1968-[1973?]	3 items
Folder 6	Bowling Green High School class of 1928 reunion; Chester Travelstead's induction into school's Hall of Honor	1978-2004	8 items
Folder 7	Chiefly Chester Travelstead's correspondence related to Henry Clay High School reunions in 1982 and 2000	1982-2001	16 items
Folder 8	Items chiefly related to Chester Travelstead as a member of Kentucky Military Institute class of 1929	1979; 1988	3 items
Folder 9	Letters to Chester Travelstead from James Darwin Stephens related to Kentucky Military Institute	1992-1993	3 items
Folder 10	Items related to Chester Travelstead's induction in to the Univ. of Kentucky College of Education Hall of Fame	1997-1998	22 items
Folder 11	Items related to Chester Travelstead's religious activities	[1940s?]-2001	12 items
Folder 12	Items related to Chester Travelstead's Kiwanis Club activities	1980-2001	8 items
Folder 13	Items related to Chester Travelstead's theatrical performances	1933-1978	18 items

Folder 14	Items reflecting Chester Travelstead's legacy at the Univ. of South Carolina	1991-2006	15 items
Folder 15	Travel diary and other items related to Travelstead's study trip to Israel	1962-1964	9 items
Folder 16	Items related to pleasure trips taken by Chester Travelstead and his wife Marita to Scandinavia, Russia, and Australia	1978; 1986	9 items
Folder 17	Reminiscences by Chester Travelstead	1978; 2000	2 items
Folder 18	Legal items; will, passports, etc., of Chester Travelstead	1973-2002	10 items
Folder 19	Miscellaneous items of Chester Travelstead	1931-1977	6 items
Folder 20	Letters to Coleman Travelstead related to Chester Travelstead	2001-2003	3 items
Folder 21	Correspondence of, and relating to, Jonathan M. Hochberg	1992	3 items
BOX 12	TRAVELSTEAD, Nelle Blye , (Gooch), 1888-1974	1892-1972	465 items
Folder 1	Nelle Gooch Travelstead correspondence with her father; letter from her grandfather	1892-1917	5 items
Folder 2	Letters from Nelle Gooch Travelstead to her sons Will Gooch and Chester Travelstead	1919-1928	8 items
Folder 3	Writings from Nelle Gooch Travelstead to Will Gooch Travelstead	1925; 1942	2 items
Folder 4	Letters from Nelle Gooch Travelstead to Chester Travelstead at Kentucky Military Institute	1928-1929	20 items
Folder 5	Letters from Nelle Gooch Travelstead to Chester Travelstead	1929-1943	4 items

Folder 6	Letters from Nelle Gooch Travelstead to Chester and Marita Travelstead	5 Jan. 1965-30 May 1965	33 items
Folder 7	Letters from Nelle Gooch Travelstead to Chester and Marita Traelstead	10 June 1965-10 Dec. 1965	36 items
Folder 8	Letters to Chester and Marita Travelstead	17 Feb. 1966-31 Dec. 1966	65 items
Folder 9	Letters from Nelle Gooch Travelstead to Chester and Marita Travelstead	4 Jan. 1967-13 Dec. 1967	75 items
Folder 10	Letters from Nelle Gooch Travelstead to Chester and Marita Travelstead	16 Feb. 1968-10 Dec. 1969	68 items
Folder 11	Letters from Nelle Gooch Travelstead to Chester and Marita Travelstead	10 Jan. 1970-14 Dec. 1971	92 items
Folder 12	Letters from Nelle Gooch Travelstead to Chester and Marita Travelstead	7 Jan. 1972-10 Dec. 1972	57 items
BOX 13	TRAVELSTEAD, Nelle Blye, (Gooch), 1888-1974	1935-1993	167 items
Folder 1	Letters from Nelle Gooch Travelstead to Chester and Marita Travelstead	10 Jan 1973-14 Dec. 1973	56 items
Folder 2	Letters from Nelle Gooch Travelstead to Chester and Marita Travelstead	11 Jan. 1974-19 June 1974	35 items
Folder 3	Family and general correspondence of Nelle Gooch Travelstead	1941-1973	61 items
Folder 4	"Nelle's Letters" vol. I, chapter 1, 1919-1927, edited by Chester Travelstead	1979	1 item; 80 p.

Folder 5	"Nelle's Letters" vol. 1, chapter 2, 1928-1929, edited by Chester Travelstead	1980	1 item; 91 p.
Folder 6	"Nelle's Letters" vol. 1, chapter 3, 1929-1933, edited by Chester Travelstead	1984	1 item; 70 p.
Folder 7	"Nelle's Letters" vol. 1, chapter 4, 1933-1942, edited by Chester Travelstead	1984	1 item; 69 p.
Folder 8	"Nelle's Letters" vol. 2, 1943-1945 edited by Chester Travelstead	1984	1 item; 58 p.
Folder 9	"Nelle's Letters" vol. 3, 1946-1953 edited by Chester Travelstead	1991	1 item; 68 p.
Folder 10	"Nelle's Letters" vol. 4, Jan.-June 1974, edited by Chester Travelstead	1993	1 item; 34 p.
Folder 11	"About Coleman and Jimmie," excerpts from letters written by Nelle Gooch Travelstead, 1942-1945	1991	1 item; 9 p.
Folder 12	Duplicate "Nelle's Letters" title pages with inscriptions from Chester Travelstead to Jane Morningstar and Marita [Travelstead]	1979-1984	3 items
Folder 13	Diary kept by Nelle Gooch Travelstead	1935-1937	2 items
Folder 14	Diary kept by Nelle Gooch Travelstead	1937-1965	2 items
BOX 14	TRAVELSTEAD, Nelle Blye, (Gooch), 1888-1974	1939-2003	107 items
Folder 1	Diary kept by Nelle Gooch Travelstead	1941-1950	2 items
Folder 2	Two diaries kept by Nelle Gooch Travelstead	1950-1951; 1965	3 items
Folder 3	"Nelle's Little Black Book" kept by Nelle Gooch Travelstead	1943-1963?	2 items

Folder 4	Stray items found in "Nelle's Little Black Book"	n.d.; 1972	5 items
Folder 5	Typescript of excerpts from "Nelle's Little Black Book;" includes photos and clipping	1988	6 items
Folder 6	"Typescript of "Nelle's Little Black Book: A Sequel" and related correspondence	1990	4 items
Folder 7	Book of clippings compiled by Nelle Gooch Travelstead	1959-1964	2 items spiral
Folder 8	Stray items found in book of clippings	n.d.	2 items
Folder 9	Guest book used at "Travelogs," home of Nelle Gooch Travelstead	1939-1956	1 item
Folder 10	Items related to honors Nelle Gooch Gooch Travelstead received from the Kentucky Music Educators Assoc. and Music Educators National Conference	1963-1998	8 items
Folder 11	Correspondence related to Nelle Nelle Gooch Travelstead scholarship fund, Western Kentucky University	1974-2003	14 items
Folder 12	Items related to induction of Nelle Nelle Gooch Travelstead into Western Kentucky University Music Department Wall of Fame	1998-2002	4 items
Folder 13	Items related to the Nelle Gooch Travelstead memorial endowment, University of New Mexico	1979-1998	4 items
Folder 14	Nelle Gooch Travelstead will, death certificate, and items related to her estate	1973-1974	11 items
Folder 15	Programs from performances and conferences attended by Nelle Gooch Travelstead	1936-1958	12 items

Folder 16	Miscellaneous items related to to Nelle Gooch Travelstead's activities	1925-1958	27 items
BOX 15	TRAVELSTEAD, Marita Evelyn (Hawley), 1912-1999	1935-1994	553 items
Folder 1	Letters from Marita Hawley to Chester Travelstead	9 Sept. 1935- 11 Dec. 1935	22 items
Folder 2	Letters from Marita Travelstead to Chester Travelstead	11 June 1937- 12 April 1938	28 items
Folder 3	Letters from Marita Travelstead to Chester Travelstead	2 Jan. 1945- 31 May 1945	57 items
Folder 4	Letters from Marita Travelstead to Chester Travelstead	2 June 1945- 22 July 1946	59 items
Folder 5	Letters from Marita Travelstead to Chester Travelstead	Summer 1949- 4 May 1961	42 items
Folder 6	Letters from Marita Travelstead to Chester Travelstead	21 Feb. 1962- 25 Sept. 1994	27 items
Folder 7	Letters from Marita Travelstead to Nelle Gooch Travelstead	15 Sept. 1936- 8 Feb. 1946	13 items
Folder 8	Letters from Marita Travelstead to Nelle Gooch Travelstead	9 April 1953- 6 Dec. 1954	47 items
Folder 9	Letters from Marita Travelstead to Nelle Gooch Travelstead	6 Jan. 1955- 2 Aug. 1955	18 items
Folder 10	Letters from Marita Travelstead to Nelle Gooch Travelstead	15 March 1960- 11 Dec. 1960	22 items
Folder 11	Letters from Marita Travelstead to Nelle Gooch Travelstead	3 Jan. 1961- 6 Dec. 1961	27 items
Folder 12	Letters from Marita Travelstead to Nelle Gooch Travelstead	8 Jan. 1962- 30 Dec. 1962	28 items
Folder 13	Letters from Marita Travelstead to Nelle Gooch Travelstead	4 Jan. 1963- 26 Nov. 1965	84 items

Folder 14	Letters from Marita Travelstead to Nelle Gooch Travelstead	16 Feb. 1966- 12 Dec. 1968	79 items
BOX 16	TRAVELSTEAD, Marita	1936-2003	210 items
Folder 1	"Marita's Letters to Nelle" pt. 1, 1936-1955, edited by Chester Travelstead	1998	1 item; 78 p.
Folder 2	"Marita's Letters to Nelle" pt. 2 1960-1962, edited by Chester Travelstead	1999	1 item; 86 p.
Folder 3	"Marita's Letters to Nelle" pt. 3 1963-1965, edited by Chester Travelstead	1999	1 item; 76 p.
Folder 4	"Marita's Letters to Nelle" pt. 4 1966-1968, edited by Chester Travelstead	1999	1 item; 68 p.
Folder 5	Duplicate "Marita's Letters to Nelle" title page with an inscription from Chester Travelstead to Charlotte and Ferrel Heady	1999	1 item
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	2. Post Graduate Certificate from Kentucky Military Institute to Chester Coleman Travelstead		4 June 1929
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	4. Master of Arts Degree from Columbia University to Nelle Gooch Travelstead		1 June 1938
	5. Doctor of Philosophy Degree from the University of Kentucky to Chester Coleman Travelstead		11 Aug. 1950
	6. Kentucky Colonel Commission to Chester C. Travelstead		4 April 1952
	7. Doctor of Humanities Degree from Morehead State University to Chester C. Travelstead		9 May 1975
	8. Honorary degree from University of Moron, Argentina, to Chester Travelstead		26 May 1975

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| 10. Print of oil painting "Reencarnacion" by Benito Quinquela Martin (1960) with an inscription by the artist, "A Chester y Marita" | 1975 |
| 11. 20 th Anniversary Recognition Award from the New Mexico Research and Study Council to Chester C. Travelstead | 15 Dec. 1978 |
| 12. Certificate of appreciation for support of the University's One Millionth Volume Celebration from the University of New Mexico General Library to Chester C. Travelstead | 1 May 1981 |
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